



Drug use and awareness of health and policing initiatives at music festivals among people who regularly consume illicit stimulants, 2019 and 2023

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Note. Most common strategies endorsed are included (see Supplement 2 for full list of strategies). Amongst national EDRS participants who had attended a music festival and commented, 2019 (n=538) and 2023 (n=462). Statistical significance for 2019 vs 2023 presented; $p < 0.050$; ** $p < 0.010$; *** $p < 0.001$.

The vast majority of people who had attended a music festival in the past year had used alcohol; illicit drug use was also common. Most participants reported awareness of various health and policing initiatives at the last music festival they attended, most commonly on-site medical services. Awareness of policing initiatives like police drug detection dogs decreased in 2023 compared to 2019. Overall, these findings highlight the importance of the festival environment as a setting for reaching people with harm reduction information around alcohol and other drugs.

References

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